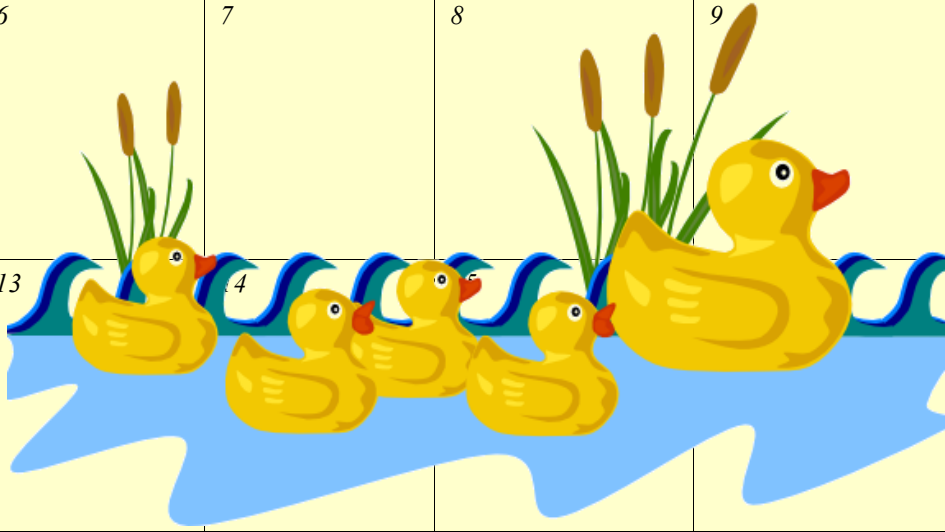
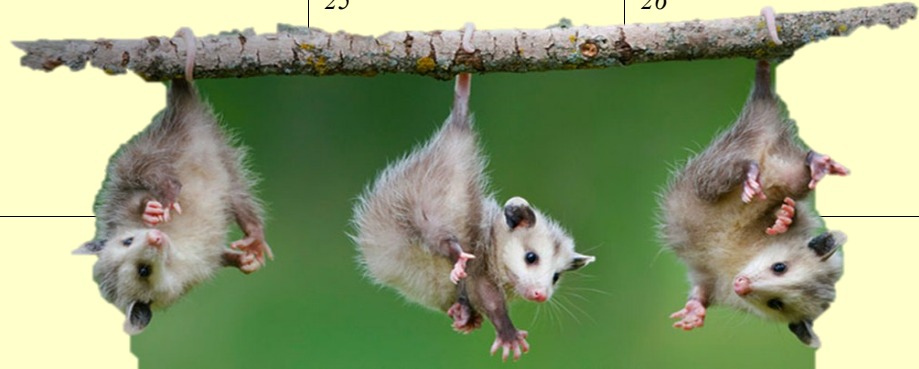


May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Homeschool Day 10:00am-12:00pm *Grades K-4 1:30pm- 3:30pm * Grades 5-12 AUDUBON LECTURE Alternatives to Longline Fishing 7pm free	4 Young Professionals Workshop Forensic Archaeology 2 pm- 4 pm * Grades 5-8 \$5 per student RSVP	5 <i>Hike—9am—FREE</i> Brown Bag Lecture Nature's Working Moms 12:00Noon * FREE
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13	14			17 Oxbow's Natives 3:45pm * Ages 5 and up FREE	18 Treehouse Time 9:30am * 3 to 5 year olds FREE	19 Art Class Zentangles in Color 10:00am-12:00pm *Adults 1:30 pm- 3:30 * Kids 8 and up \$20/person RSVP
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May is "Nature of Moms month" at the Oxbow

Visit the center for some free fun activities and check out our art from local artists.

The Oxbow Eco-Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 12pm-5pm and Saturday from 10am-5pm. The trails are open daily from dawn until dusk.

Guided Hikes — Saturday May 5 & 12 at 9:00 am — FREE no RSVP needed. — Enjoy the last few hikes of the season with guided tour led by one of Oxbow's volunteer naturalists.

Homeschool Day "Adaptive Animals" — May 3rd at 10:00 am -12:00 pm for Grades K-4; 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm for Grades 5-12. Have you ever wondered why snakes like to stick out their forked tongues or why birds have such different shaped beaks and colored feathers? These questions and more will be featured at this educational hands-on program. \$3 per participant. RSVP a must.

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture "Alternatives to Longline Fishing in the Gulf" — May 3rd at 7pm. The Gulf of Mexico provides important habitat for rare and beautiful marine species, but even before the oil disaster, Gulf species faced a significant threat from surface longline fishing gear. Learn how by joining Cameron Jaggard, with the Pew Environmental Group, as he discusses the problems and potential solutions to longline fishing. This is a FREE lecture and is open to the public.

Young Professional Workshop "Archaeology" — May 4th 2 pm—4 pm— Middle school students can join the Oxbow on this early release day for an afternoon of great hand-on activities. Participants will get a chance to work with an Archaeologist, from Florida Public Archaeology Network as they "dig into" the exciting world of Forensic Archaeology. Appropriate for Grades 5-8; \$5 per participant. RSVP is a must.

Brown Bag Lecture "The Working Mom" — May 5th 12 pm. From cleaning up her children's mess, to giving piggy-back rides, to the preparation of the evening meal, being a working mom can be really tough but rewarding. Join Master Naturalist Amanda Thompson as she discusses nature's working animal moms at this FREE lunchtime lecture. No RSVP required.

Swamp Tales — May 10th at 3:45 pm. Join us for a "novel" adventure with Miss Kitty. This story time is appropriate for ages 3 to 6. No RSVP required.

Nature for Families "Animal Moms- The good, the bad & the ugly" — May 12th at 10:30 am. Discover some of nature's unique moms as we look at mothering techniques from the caring embrace of the Wolf Spider to the forgetfulness of the Box Turtle. Participants will try their hand at the "Momma Hispid Cotton Rat" race and make a unique reusable gift for mom. Appropriate for ages 6 and up; \$4 per participant. RSVP is a must.

Oxbow's Natives: "How the Opossum Raises Her Young" — May 17th at 3:45 pm. Opossums are great mothers. As North America's only marsupial, they carry their offspring in an abdominal pouch. Learn about their amazing natural history at this free program is appropriate for ages 5 and up. No RSVP required

Treehouse Time "Cards for Mom" — May 18th at 9:30 am. Each child will create a natural card, then they will have fun singing and dancing with their moms and sharing some of their favorite mommy stories. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult. No RSVP required.

Art Class "Zentangles in Color" May 19th ; Adult session 10 am -12 pm, Kids session (ages 8 -15) 1:30 pm- 3:30pm. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with the Oxbow to present this fun, nature-inspired art class. This program explores the art of Zentangling, which is a free-drawing art described as "doodling with patterns." Use nature's own designs to get inspired! \$20 per participant (which includes ALL supplies). RSVP a must.



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(Trails are open dawn to dusk daily)

